



Graydon "Joe" Joseph Petersen

August 17, 1942 - March 27, 2020

Graydon Joseph "Joe" Petersen, 77, of Plano, Texas died March 27, 2020 at Katherine's Place, Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was born August 17, 1942 in Chicago, Illinois to Graydon L. and Elizabeth (Pappas) Petersen. Joe and Sharon Kay Nelson were married on August 14, 1965 and he worked as an advertising salesman. Joe enjoyed cooking, collecting recipes and gardening and he was an avid Dallas sports fan.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents and daughter in law Renee Case Petersen.

Survivors include his wife Sharon; children Kristin Johnson and husband Allen of Cedar Creek, Texas, Kelly Svebek of Siloam Springs, Arkansas and Thomas Petersen of Fort Madison, Iowa; seven grandchildren Carlie, McKenzie and Christopher Svebek and Lauren, Erica, Kristi and Jacob Johnson; and sister Louise Schmelzer and husband Robert Curtis of Rocklin, California.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

TC

“ *Mrs. Petersen,
Just learned of the passing of Mr. Petersen, we really cherish the
memories we have of you and him. Mr. Petersen is in our Prayers.
Telma Cea and family.*

Telma Cea - September 13, 2020 at 07:39 PM

TM

“ *Sharon and family,
I was so sorry to learn of Joe's death. He was a really good guy,
with a generous smile and a quick chuckle. We spent some good
times together in high school and I really enjoyed visiting again at
the last reunion.*

Please take care and know that Joe will be missed by many.

Tom McMurray

Tom McMurray - April 02, 2020 at 08:17 PM

LJ

“ *Sorry to read of the passing of Joe. Got to know him during Junior
College days and lost track after JC graduation. With deepest
sympathy. All the best. Larry G. Jansen*

Larry G. Jansen - March 31, 2020 at 09:26 PM

BS

“ I was so sorry to hear about Joe. He was a neighbor (1 block away) and a close friend. We pretty much grew up together. Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, scout camp at Dolliver Park. Riding bikes all over town. One story I will never forget happened one summer. I used to sleep in our screened in porch and had a bad habit of sleeping late. Joe liked to get an early start so on numerous mornings he would ride his bike over to my house and ride circles in the street while doing everything he could to wake me up. One morning I woke up when I heard this rather loud bang. Joe's bike had blown a tire and evidently thrown him. There he was sitting in the middle of Bank street laughing his head off..... From bikes, he and I along with Lyle Brim transitioned to Doodlebugs. The only problems was that we were too young to drive so we had to ride the alleys and sneak across the streets – anything to avoid “Ding” Edwards and the rest of the WC police department. Joe and I were also heavily into fireworks, and before every July 4th, Joe and his Dad would drive down to Missouri and bring back a nice a large box of them – of course they would also bring back my order. On each July 4th both of our families would get together for a picnic on the river in Briggs Woods and we would spend the evening with sparklers, roman candles, cherry bombs, M80's etc. It's a wonder we didn't loose any appendages during those picnics. Because our families all had stores downtown, Joe, Lyle and I spent many Saturdays on Main Street together. Saturday afternoon was always spent at the Isis or Webster Theatre matinees with Roy, Hopalong, Gene and numerous other cowboys.... Saturday nights we would go to Jensen's Drugstore, each buy a Classic Comic Book, and head across the street to Joe's father's restaurant. There we would trade and read each others' comic books and eat Salisbury steak. So many memories, so many good times! I will definitely miss you Joe!!

Bryce Segar - March 31, 2020 at 03:30 PM

MB

Sorry to hear this Sharon. Sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.

Martha Beightol - March 31, 2020 at 10:35 PM

BP

“ *I was very sad to hear that classmate, friend, neighbor on Water Street and doodle bug owner Joe Peterson had passed. Joe lived right down the block from us and we had many good times. I especially remember when we'd go to Lyle Brims house and ride doodle bugs in the alley. My thoughts and prayers to Sharon and the rest of the family.*

Bob Passwaters - March 30, 2020 at 02:04 PM

TD

“ *Joe was a nice guy. Sorry he has passed. God bless.*

Jim Dunlap

Tanya Dunlap - March 30, 2020 at 01:53 PM

PN

“ *Sharon & family,
We were sorry to hear of Joe's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Joe was in Don's class and Sharon in Pat's class.
Pat & Don Nokes*

Pat Nokes - March 30, 2020 at 12:50 PM

MM

“ Dear Sharon and family,
Phil and I were sorry to hear Joe had passed. We have had so many wonderful times and phone conversations with Joe and you. You are in our thoughts and prayers,
Love and hugs,
Melva Martin

Melva Martin - March 29, 2020 at 09:43 PM

GJ

“ Sorry for your loss. Joe was a grade ahead of us and Sharon is a classmate. Both wonderful people. Gloria and Terry Johnston

Gloria Johnston - March 28, 2020 at 05:16 PM

LS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Louise Schmelzer - March 28, 2020 at 03:19 PM

LS

“ 2 files added to the album Tribute Wall



Louise Schmelzer - March 28, 2020 at 02:53 PM